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SUBJECT: ELINT Requirements Requiring Sensitive
                   Collection

1. The National Security Agency, with the concurrence of
the ELINT Committee (a subcommittee of the USIB), has indicated its
preference for turning over to CIA for collection action those priority
ELINT requirements of the community which cannot be satisfied by
assets subject to the direction of NSA.

2. It is the belief of CIA that this is proper procedure.
However, in order to insure the maximum use of existing assets, the
requirements received by CIA from NSA should be screened against US
agencies' ELINT collection capabilities of a sensitive or clandestine
nature. Where none exist it may be necessary for CIA to proceed with
the development of new equipment or operations.

3. As a means of accomplishing the foregoing, I am requesting
Mr. James Q. Reber to meet with your representatives from time to
time on an informal basis. He has already done so on a problem
bearing on ▮▮▮▮ This group, for lack of a better name, I suggest
be called the Ad Hoc Group for ELINT (AGE). Unless you perceive
some objection to this, may I invite you to name a representative with
whom Mr. Reber may be in touch on these matters.

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4. I am very hopeful that by working closely together on these ELINT problems we can avoid wasteful efforts and, what is more important, actually obtain better collection against priority targets.

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